



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Northbridge Exxon Site
1140 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Charleston, SC

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until July 12, 2017.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-6466-NRP, will affect approximately 1.1 acres identified by Charleston County tax map #352-08-00-002. A party by the name of The Morris N. and Nancy B. Harper Revocable Trust (Harper Trust) wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Harper Trust.

The Property is bounded generally to the north by the intersection of Orange Grove Road and Sam Rittenberg Boulevard with businesses beyond; to the east by Sam Rittenberg Boulevard with businesses and residences beyond; to the south by Northbridge Baptist Church with businesses beyond; and to the west by Orange Grove Road with residences beyond.

Harper Trust will acquire the Property and redevelop the Property for commercial and retail uses. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Harper Trust to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental contamination. Harper Trust did not cause the contamination but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Harper Trust responsible for pre-existing contamination in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Harper Trust will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination in the past. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

Under the proposed contract, Harper Trust will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Harper Trust will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 12, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, by email at berenbm@dhc.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Mark Berenbrok at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.